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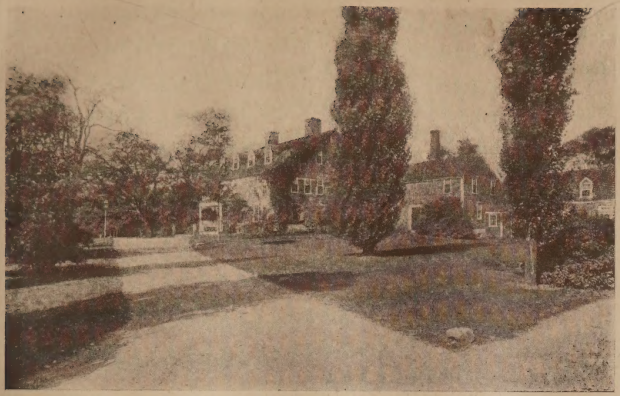

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON

March 18, 1922.

L. Loring Brooks, Esq.,
53 State Street,
Boston, Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. Brooks:

The Wayside Inn is one of the points of greatest interest in Massachusetts and whoever comes here desires to visit it. It is most gratifying to learn that steps are being taken to make sure that the old Inn shall be kept in fine condition for the entertainment of guests. I hope that the effort may be successful.

Very truly yours,

Channing H. Cox

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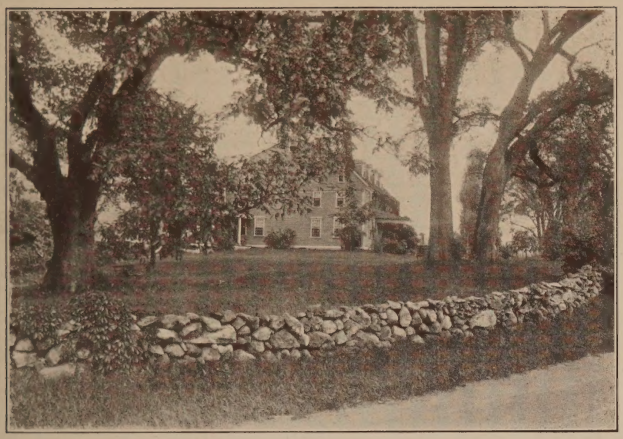

A GLIMPSE OF THE INN FROM THE WEST

THE WAYSIDE INN SHOWING ONE OF THE GREAT OAKS

BOSTON SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS FOUNDED A.D. 1867

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220 DEVONSHIRE ST., BOSTON

15th February, 1922.

L. Loring Brooks, Esq.,
53 State Street,
Boston 9, Mass.

My dear Sir:-

I am pleased to inform you that at a regular meeting of the Boston Society of Architects on 7th February the following was adopted:

"Resolved that: the Boston Society of Architects heartily endorses the efforts of Mr. L. Loring Brooks to preserve the historic Wayside Inn and its contents, and to assure its continued use under proper management. Built in 1683 by the Howe family, it stands as one of the most interesting examples of our early architectural expression. The Wayside Inn lives in American History and Literature, and although it is a New England institution, it is known country wide through Longfellow's poem and its historic traditions, made famous through its association with the names of Washington, Lafayette and many other guests of bygone days. It is a source of satisfaction to all who appreciate the architecture and traditions of our country, that the Wayside Inn will again open its doors in the spirit of old-time New England hospitality."

Yours very truly,

Edward M. Hoyt.

Secretary.

SIGN OF THE "WAYSIDE INN" FORMERLY THE "RED HORSE TAVERN"

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TEL. MAY 734

January 30, 1922.

Mr. Loring Brooks,
53 State Street,
Boston.

Dear Mr. Brooks:

I find myself so heartily in favor of your proposition to preserve the Wayside Inn estate permanently as an inn, in the hands of competent trustees representing the owners, that I want to take advantage of this opportunity to tell you so.

For a time there seemed some danger that the old place might be sold for a residence and its continuity as an inn would have been forever lost. That would have been a national calamity and we must all be grateful to you for the hard work you are doing to prevent it. But even as an inn, without the contents which Mr. Lemon so painstakingly brought together there it would lack much of its old flavor. I understand it is part of your plan to include these with the trust. Doubtless you will succeed, for I am confident that any proposition to which you lay your hands will be put through as it should be.

Mr. E. Sohier Welch, whom you have selected as the first of your trustees, is well known to me and you have made no mistake in selecting him. His public spirit and interest in antiquarian matters are well known, and his business ability and integrity are beyond question. You will be lucky indeed to get two others of his caliber.

When you get your trust well under way and the property transferred, do let me know so that I can run out and look the place over again, more particularly as I can hardly wait to sample again The Wayside's renowned table. If it is as good in the future as in the past it will be the best ever, and you can count on my going without breakfast and lunch on the day I set aside to dine there.

Wishing you and your public spirited efforts all the success they deserve, I am

Yours very truly,

Wm Sumner Appleton

Corresponding Secretary of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities.

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BOSTON

February 6, 1922.

Mr. L. Loring Brooks,
53 State Street,
Boston, Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. Brooks:

I wish to commend most sincerely the public spirit and unselfish interest which has prompted you to take up the matter of preserving the Wayside Inn.

I hope this is the beginning of a concerted movement for the preservation of monuments of this kind so rich in historic association and so interesting to the visitor because of their valuable collections of furniture and other object associated with the early life of the forefathers.

It will mean that this wonderful old hostelry will continue as a "Mecca" for Pilgrims from all over the world. No one familiar with this New England treasure can fail to appreciate your efforts.

With best wishes for your success in this laudable enterprise, I am

Yours very truly,

Addison L. Winship,
Vice-President.

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THE HOWE COAT OF ARMS

The Howe family kept this Inn for one hundred and seventy-four years

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INCORPORATED

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BOSTON

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L. Loring Brooks, Esq.,
53 State Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Brooks:

You are doing a very public spirited thing in your endeavors to preserve the Wayside Inn, and I congratulate you on your vision and energy to do it.

My association with the Wayside Inn goes back to my very earliest days, and has continued all my life. It would have been a source of keen regret to me, as I know it would have been to a very great many, should the Inn pass into hands which would fail to preserve it for future generations.

I hope you will have every success in your efforts.

Cordially yours,

John R. Macomber

JRM/SMG

STAIRCASE LEADING TO THE BALL ROOM

COACH USED BY LAFAYETTE AT THE LAYING OF THE CORNER STONE OF BUNKER HILL MONUMENT

Now preserved at the Inn

Society of the

Sons of the Revolution

in the

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Boston, Mass.

February 28, 1922.

Mr. L. Loring Brooks,
53 State Street,
Boston.

Dear Mr. Brooks:-

I am greatly interested in your proposed plan for the conservation of the old "Wayside-Inn", one of the most interesting landmarks of New England's history.

In the early days before the Revolution, it was a famous hostelry, dispensing good cheer to the traveller after a hard day's jaunt.

During the struggle for our country's independence, governors, magistrates and generals, men whose names are remembered with honor, were its patrons.

The preservation, therefore, of whatever may be considered as of great historical importance in New England, for future generations, meets with my hearty endorsement, and should appeal to all.

Wishing you success, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Edmund D. McDaldon

Gen.Vice Pres. Nat'l Soc.Sons of the Revolution.

THE PARLOR WHERE THE "TALES" WERE TOLD

THE LAFAYETTE BEDROOM

THE FIRST NATIONAL CORPORATION
BOSTON, U. S. A.

J. T. GREGORY
PRESIDENT

March 20,1922

Loring Brooks,Esq.,
53 State Street,
Boston, Mass.

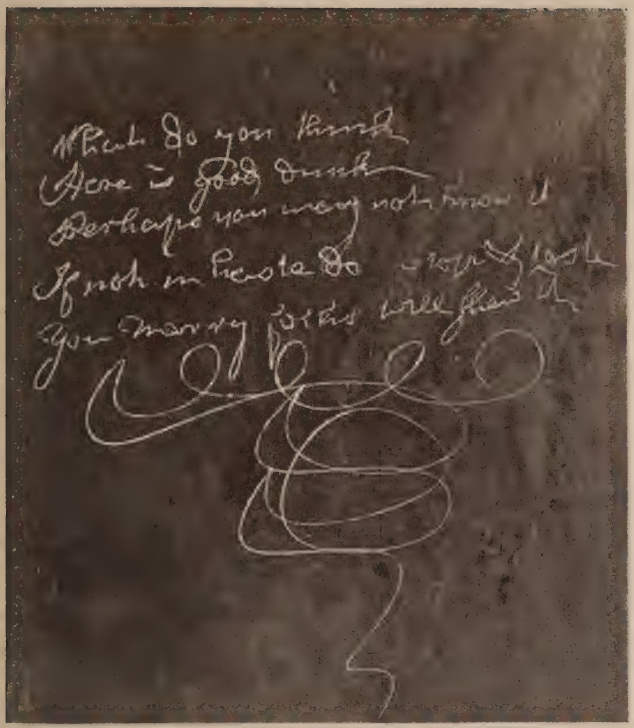
My dear Mr. Brooks:

I am very glad to hear that through your personal endeavor you have been able to create a trust, consisting of prominent citizens who are ready to preserve the traditions and up-keep of the Way Side Inn, in Sudbury, Mass.

I feel that the entire community is indebted in your behalf. There are few buildings in America today which can compare with the old Wayside Inn, either in classical design or tradition. It would have been a calamity to have had it fall into the hands of persons who would not appreciate its dignity, and who would have misused it.

Very truly yours,

J. T. Gregory



What do you think
Here is good drink
Perhaps you may not know it
If not in haste do stop and taste
You merry folks will show it

LINES CUT ON A PANE OF GLASS AT THE WAYSIDE INN BY WILLIAM MOLINEAUX, Jr., OF BOSTON, ON JUNE 24, 1774

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Salem, Mass.

Salem, Massachusetts, February 13, 1922

My dear Mr. Brooks:

The preservation of our ancient houses is in my opinion, one of the highest functions of our historical societies and I am pleased to guarantee the hearty cooperation of the Old Planters Society in your laudable effort to preserve the Wayside Inn.

We have never ceased to regret the destruction of the John Hancock House and similar structures and we desire most earnestly to hold on to those remaining. You have made an excellent beginning and I fully believe that you will be successful.

Years ago, when the descendants of John Balch met at the old Balch homestead (1638), at the invitation of the Old Planters Society, we little dreamed that that modest beginning would finally result in the purchase and restoration of the old house.

You have made a much more favorable start.

Wishing you all success, I am

Yours very truly,

Frank A. Gardner M.D.

President of the Old Planters Society.

THE DINING ROOM

THE BALL ROOM

SOCIETY OF THE WAR OF 1812

IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

HERBERT FAIRFAX WALLACE
PRESIDENT
84 STATE STREET
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Boston, Mass. Feb. 4, 1922.

Mr. L. Loring Brooks,
53 State Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Brooks:

It has come to my attention that you are interested in the preservation of the Wayside Inn, Sudbury, Mass., and I feel that I must avail myself of this opportunity to say to you that your efforts in this direction should receive the unqualified approval and support of all organizations and individuals interested in the preservation of historic spots.

This historic building and its fascinating grounds has a peculiar appeal to anyone who has had the good fortune to visit it, for aside from the distinguished guests entertained within its walls in bygone days, it is filled with a truly remarkable collection of early colonial furniture and it would really be a tragedy to have these pieces dissipated to the four winds of Heaven.

I wish you every success in your venture and if I or the Society of which I have the honor to be President, can help you in any way, do not hesitate to call upon us.

Yours truly,

Herbert Fairfax Wallace

PRESIDENT.

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THE PICTURE GALLERY

MEET OF THE NORFOLK HUNT IN FRONT OF THE INN

Craigie House
Cambridge
March 25th 1922

Mr. Loring Brooks.

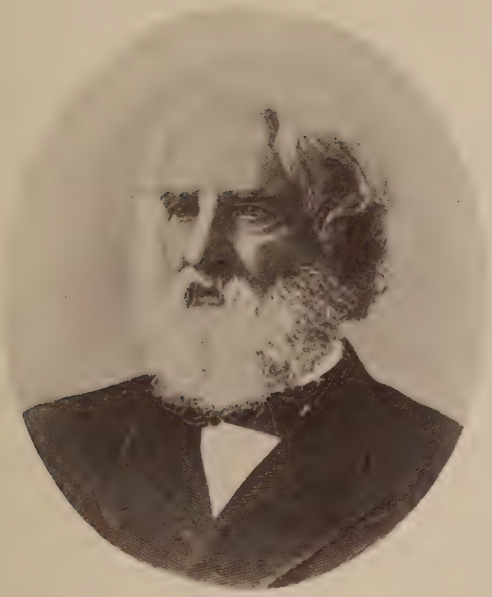
My dear Mr. Brooks,

I am much pleased with your plan of saving the Bayside Inn & of course having its present character.

As an antiquity it should certainly be preserved, and as an Inn its topographical situation, and the beauty of the surrounding country make it most desirable.

With best wishes for your success

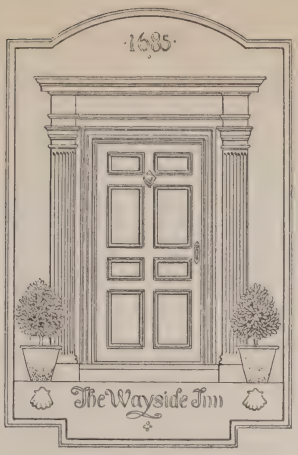
Sincerely yours
Alice M. Longfellow



HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW
Author of
"Tales of a Wayside Inn"

GATE HOUSE TO THE LEFT OF THE MAIN DRIVEWAY

THE OLD DINING ROOM



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EXTEND THIS INVITATION TO

Mr. Charles F. W. Felden

to become a shareholder in the Wayside Inn Trust which has been organized under an agreement and declaration of trust to acquire and hold The Wayside Inn at Sudbury, Massachusetts,—The Wayside Inn built in 1685, so well-known through the song and story of Longfellow and Hawthorne, and its patronage by Lafayette and Washington and other great men of past generations.

As the present owner intends to sell the estate, all who are interested in preserving the Inn as a literary and historical memorial are asked to join in this plan.

There can be little doubt that few, if any, buildings in New England are better known or make a stronger appeal for preservation than The Wayside Inn.

The purpose of the Wayside Inn Trust is twofold; first, to preserve the Inn with its priceless antiques and relics as nearly as possible in their original condition, and second, to maintain and operate the Inn as an inn.

The estate comprises about ninety acres of good farming land, and besides the Inn has a gatehouse, garage and stable, also farm barn and outbuildings.

It is planned that the Trust shall acquire the entire estate including substantially all the furnishings and equipment of the Inn and its antiques and relics, and that additions and improvements for the accommodation of a greater number of guests shall be made, but only to such extent as will not be inconsistent with the purpose of the Trust as above stated.

It is estimated that the financial requirements of this plan are $200,000, and this sum is to be obtained by subscriptions for shares of the Trust at $100 a share. The trustees will proceed with the plan, however, when in their opinion sufficient capital has been secured. It is believed that from the income derived from operation of the Inn dividends may be paid on the capital of the Trust.

TRUSTEES

CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS, Trustee
B. LORING YOUNG, Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives
E. SOHIER WELCH, Lawyer.

Mr. Robert P. Peckett, well-known as an inn-keeper and proprietor of Peckett's at Sugar Hill, Franconia, New Hampshire, has signed a contract to act as manager, and he will operate the Inn so far as practicable on the lines of an old-fashioned New England tavern.

A blank form of subscription for shares of the Trust is enclosed herewith, which you are requested to fill out and forward to The National Union Bank of Boston, Massachusetts, in the enclosed envelope. Payment for shares may be made with the subscription. Interim receipts will be delivered for payments, and certificates for shares subscribed and paid for will be issued, if and as subscriptions are accepted by the trustees.

Copies of the declaration of trust may be had on application, and further information, if desired, will be furnished upon request addressed to L. Loring Brooks, 53 State Street, Boston.

SUBSCRIPTION

Wayside Inn Trust

To the Trustees of Wayside Inn Trust.

I hereby subscribe for.....shares of WAYSIDE INN TRUST at $100 a share. I enclose herewith my check for $.....in payment therefor.

(Please make checks payable to The National Union Bank, Boston, Mass.)

It is understood that the Trustees reserve the right to reject any or all subscriptions, to allot a smaller amount than subscribed for, and to make allotments in their uncontrolled discretion.

(Please write first name in full and designate if Mrs. or Miss).

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Only subscriptions for *five* shares or over will be accepted.

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